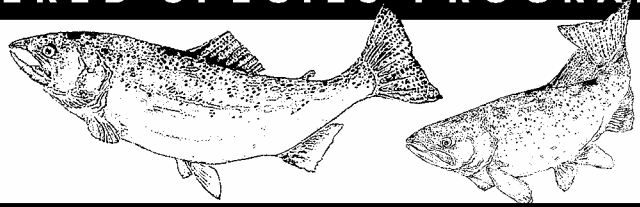


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## January 2008

### Sammy Gets a Makeover

Since 2001 Clark County has presented Sammy Awards to individuals, groups, and projects recognizing their contributions to salmon recovery. This newsletter marks the unveiling of the 'new' Sammy Awards. After exhausting the supply of the original Sammy's, metal art sculptures made from recycled steel, county staff set about finding a new art piece that would capture the essence of the Sammy Award's tradition.



Clark County's New Sammy Award

Although the new Sammy looks much different from the previous awards it is still made from recycled material—saw blades. Northwest metal artist, Don Perry designed and constructed the updated awards specifically for the Clark County Sammy Awards. The sculptures sit on top of a river rock giving it a very natural look. The awards are mounted on a wooden base handcrafted by Clark County resident Scott Prevost. Scott and Don worked together to make sure the elements of metal, rock, and wood came together to create a beautiful work of art for Sammy recipients.

### Speaking of Sammy's...

...its nomination time! Clark County is seeking nominations for the 2008 Clark County Sammy Awards which will take place **May 15 at the City of Vancouver Water Resource Center**. As in years past, we are looking for nominations of volunteer activities that might include habitat restoration projects, education and outreach programs, grassroots or neighborhood association projects, special or lifetime achievement for individuals with a long-term commitment to salmon recovery, or

businesses that have implemented salmon-friendly practices. In addition to Sammy getting a "makeover" the nomination forms also received an update this year.

A form is included in this newsletter for your convenience or you can use the *new interactive form* which can be accessed and submitted via our Web site: [www.saveoursalmon.com](http://www.saveoursalmon.com). Additional paper nomination forms can be requested by calling: 397-2022, ext. 3. The deadline for nominations is March 7. If you know of someone who deserves a shiny new Sammy then we look forward to hearing from you soon!

### Commissioners Appoint first AG Techs

On November 30, Denise Smee and Lisa Geidel of the Clark Conservation District were appointed by the Board of Commissioners as Clark County's very first Agricultural Technicians (Ag techs). As Ag techs they will work with landowners to help develop habitat protection plans. These plans are designed to make sure the land remains productive while preventing habitat functions from substantial degradation as set forth by the agricultural guidelines in the Clark County Habitat Conservation Ordinance. In addition to being the first Ag techs for the county, Denise and Lisa will be a big part of training other Ag techs.

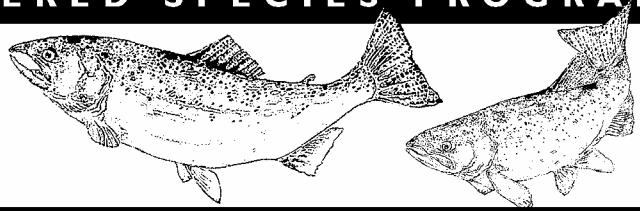


Denise Smee & Lisa Geidel of Clark Conservation District

You can learn more about Ag tech training in the article below. As part of the honor of being the first Ag techs, Denise and Lisa received Ag tech Tiaras handcrafted by the Clark County ESA Program. Congratulations Denise and Lisa!

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## Agricultural Technician Training

The very first training for Habitat Conservation Ordinance Agricultural Technicians (Ag techs) was held January 12 at the CASEE Center in Brush Prairie. The training was developed by Clark Conservation District and taught by both district and county staff. Ag techs are volunteers who assist Clark County landowners in developing habitat protection plans. These plans are designed to make sure the land remains productive while preventing habitat functions from substantial degradation as described in the agricultural guidelines in the Habitat Conservation Ordinance (HCO).



Future County Ag techs receive hands-on training

The class consisted of two parts: a classroom segment and a hands-on field study on a local farm. During the classroom portion attendees learned about environmental processes and traditional farming practices in Clark County. They also learned about Best Management Practices (BMP's) and how to select which BMP's would work with various agricultural practices. During the field study participants were able to see on-site conditions and discuss which BMP's would be appropriate to apply.

The next Ag tech training will be held February 9 at the CASEE Center, 11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Brush Prairie. Training is free to Clark County citizens. Anyone interested in attending the training can

complete a registration form on our Web site: [www.saveoursalmon.com](http://www.saveoursalmon.com) or call the Clark Conservation District at 883-1987.

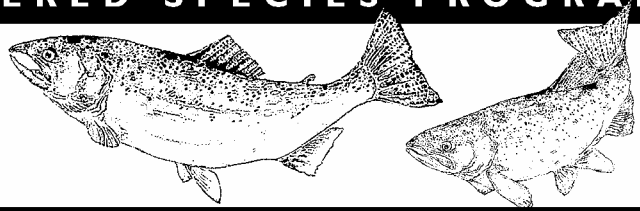
## ESA Program Update

This year, the ESA Program will continue its work on implementation of the Salmon Recovery and watershed (WRIA) plans. At a staff retreat this month, we will fill in some of the details. A public work session is scheduled for March 12 at 9 AM with the Board of County Commissioners to discuss how plan implementation affects the various county departments and their budgets. We will also be working to make the data that underlies the plans more accessible to citizens and county staff. This should be helpful in designing projects and effective mitigations.

We are in the midst of training Agricultural Technicians to help farmers (both commercial and recreational) to implement the agricultural guidelines in the newly amended Habitat Conservation Ordinance. The Clark Conservation District is taking the lead role in the training. They are a primary resource for conservation practices on agricultural lands in our county.

Other ESA Program activities include promoting sustainability and low impact development techniques; helping ensure that the new rules for stormwater and erosion control are fish friendly; participating in the stormwater needs assessment project; initiating the cumulative effects funds that are described in the habitat and wetlands ordinances; responding to requests from the commissioners and other departments; producing the Sammy Awards; participating in the Clark County fair; and updating our website. It's going to be a busy year! Thanks for your interest in salmon and the environment. *Joel Rupley, ESA Program Coordinator.*

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Tel: (360)397-2022 • [www.saveoursalmon.com](http://www.saveoursalmon.com)New Year--New Look

You probably have already noticed the new layout of our newsletter. Previously, our newsletter was typically two pages stapled together and mailed in an envelope. This new layout allows our newsletter to be printed with the mailing information directly on it eliminating the need for both an envelope and separate labeling. This new procedure is the result of updates in the county's printing services department. This layout reduces costs involved with printing, mailing, and staff time. The ESA Newsletter can also be received via e-mail instead of through the U.S. Mail. Approximately one-third of our mailing list receives our newsletter in this format. If you wish to receive an e-mail version of our newsletter contact Joni McAnally at 397-2022, ext 3 or [joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov](mailto:joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov). As always, the ESA Newsletter is available on our Web site at [www.saveoursalmon.com](http://www.saveoursalmon.com).

Calendar Highlights

Here's what's happening in 2008:

Ag tech training

8-5, February 9, CASEE Center  
11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Brush Prairie  
Contact: (360)883-1987

Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board

For meeting information, contact the LCFRB at  
(360) 425-1555 or visit [www.LCFRB.gen.wa.us](http://www.LCFRB.gen.wa.us)

Mason Bee Workshop

10-noon, January 19, NatureScaping, free to members, \$15 non-members; \$4 for nesting materials  
(360)687-0686, [Sherry@naturescaping.org](mailto:Sherry@naturescaping.org)

Second Saturday—Learn about Sustainable Living

1-3, February 9, City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, Contact: Ginger May, [ginger.may@ci.vancouver.wa.us](mailto:ginger.may@ci.vancouver.wa.us) (360)696-8478

Clark Conservation District Plant Sale

February 8—Ordering Deadline  
For more information go to: [www.clarkcd.org](http://www.clarkcd.org)  
Or call 360-883-1987 ex. 5

*Clark Public Utilities' Home & Garden Idea Fair*  
April 25-27, Clark County Exhibition Hall,  
17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, Contact:  
Clark Public Utilities 992-3000

Clark County Sammy Awards

3-5, May 15, City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center; for more information contact Joni McAnally (360) 397-2022 or [joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov](mailto:joni.mcanally@clark.wa.gov)

Naturally Beautiful Backyards Tour

10-4, June 13, Contact: Kendra Pearce  
(360)891-1992

Recycled Arts Festival

June 28-29, Esther Short Park, West Columbia & 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, Contact: Sally Fisher  
(360)397-6118

Clark County Fair

August 1-10, Clark County Fairgrounds, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, Contact: (360)397-6180

From the Quote Box

The (fish) resource is a trust and the first responsibility of angler, manager, scientist and politician is to ensure its protection and perpetuation. Others who come after us will need it.

*Roderick Haig-Brown, Bright Waters, Bright Fish, 1980*



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